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Letter dated 11 July 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 11 April (S/2002/411) and the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 12 April (S/2002/412) as a result of which the mandate of the United Nations Office in Angola (UNOA) was extended until 15 July 2002.

As you know, I had asked my Adviser for Special Assignments in Africa, Under-Secretary-General Ibrahim A. Gambari, to lead an integrated assessment mission to Angola in order to prepare recommendations on the tasks to be performed by the United Nations in support of the implementation of the "Memorandum of Understanding for the cessation of hostilities and the implementation of the outstanding issues under the Lusaka Protocol". The team has completed its assessment and its findings will form the basis of my next report to the Council. The Secretariat is in the final stages of planning the future structure and the coordination mechanism of the United Nations presence in Angola, as well as at Headquarters.

In the meantime, I should like to request the Security Council to extend the mandate of UNOA at the current strength for a period of one month, until 15 August 2002. My report to the Council will be presented well in time before the expiry of the extension.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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